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Application No.: 09/869,106 ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
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For: GRAM-POSITIVE BACTERIA DEPRIVED OF )  
HtrA PROTEASE ACTIVITY AND THEIR USES )

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This paper responds to the Office Action, dated September 30, 2004, time for response to which expired December 30, 2004. An extension of time of one month is filed concurrently, thereby extending the period of response to January 30, 2005. Since January 30, 2005, fell on a Sunday, the next business day rule applies. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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